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Application No. Unassigned  
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/NZ2003/000227)

**Amendments to the Specification**

At page 1, please insert the following new paragraph immediately below the title:

This application is the U.S. national phase of the PCT/NZ2003/000227, filed October 9, 2003, which claims the benefit of New Zealand Application No. 521885, filed October 9, 2002.

On page 1, please replace the heading at line 8 with the following amended heading:

~~BACKGROUND ART~~

On page 1, please replace the heading at line 16 with the following amended heading:

~~OBJECT~~SUMMARY

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

~~It is therefore an object of the~~The present invention ~~to provide~~s a carrier which can also be used as a holding system for carrying objects which will obviate or minimise the foregoing disadvantages in a simple yet effective manner or which will at least provide the public with a useful choice.

On page 1, please delete the heading at line 20 as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

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On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Accordingly, an embodiment of the invention ~~consists in~~includes a carrier for substantially flat items, the carrier having a first engagement means to removably receive one or more of the substantially flat items, in use, the carrier optionally being shaped and/or having at least a second engagement means to enable a number of carriers to be engaged one with another, and the carrier having a third engagement means to enable the carrier or a number of carriers to be placed in, or on, a selected one of a plurality of available receiving devices comprising transportation, storage or filing means.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

In a further aspect the invention ~~to consists~~includes in a system for transporting substantially flat items, the system including at least a carrier according to any one of the preceding paragraphs.

On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In a still further aspect the invention ~~consists in~~includes a system for storing or filing substantially flat items, the system including at least a carrier according to any one of the preceding paragraphs.

On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

~~One preferred form~~ Various embodiments of the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which,